

City of Houston)
County of Harris)
State of Texas)

ss: Statement of Travis R. Bankendorfer

After having been advised of my rights under the Constitution in that I do not have to make any statement at all, I do hereby make the following statement of my own free will and accord pertaining to information including conversations overheard which could possibly have some bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas.

I am 23 years of age and reside at Apartment No. 23, 66 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas. I am presently employed at the Midnight Lounge, 404 Westheimer Street, Houston, Texas.

During the week ending November 23, 1963 I worked at the Midnight Lounge, 404 Westheimer Street as a bartender.

On Wednesday night or Friday night, November 22, I engaged in a conversation with a stripper who is known as Pixie Lynn, who was then entertaining at the Lounge. I recall making some statement to Pixie about a report that she had informed on another stripper by the name of Candy Bar, who was tried in Dallas on a narcotics case. Pixie became upset and said in substance that this was not true, that she had testified in the trial in Candy Bar's behalf. During this conversation she told me that she was Candy Bar's lover. She stated that Candy Kelly had also accused her of informing on Candy Bar.

She then asked me if I was "gay." I told her that I had been cruising with Rita Manstrom, who was well known to Pixie. She then had the answer to her question.

On the evening of November 22 Pixie, myself and others were at the Midnight Lounge. The other clubs were closed that evening because of the President's assassination. Pixie did not want to perform that evening as she was an admirer of the President. I told her that I was formerly from Dallas and had attended some "gay" parties there. She asked me if I had ever been to one of Ruby's parties, meaning a "gay" party. I told her that I had never heard of the man. She inferred that she had attended some of Jack Ruby's "swinging parties."

I asked her what type of person she thought would have committed the assassination. She stated "dirt trade," meaning the type of person considered as the lowest type of perverts.

The name Barbara Wala, an attorney of Dallas, Texas, has been mentioned to me. Since she is a popular Lesbian in Dallas, I assumed that she might have attended some of the parties Pixie mentioned that Jack Ruby had given.

To the best of my recollection the name of Lee Harvey Oswald was not mentioned in connection with Jack Ruby or with the assassination at that time.

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I would like to explain that subsequent to the events above I was in Dallas, Texas, and talked to Mr. Charles Moore with the Texas Rangers and a Detective Hart, Special Services of the Dallas Police Department, and in relating the above details plus information obtained from other sources I expressed a theory that I had formed which may have been erroneous.

I participated in the dictation of this statement and have read it before signing and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 1964.

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Special Agent In Charge, U.S. Secret Service

Witness:



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